

December 30, 1922.

Mr. Arthur B. Sixsmith,  
Secretary to the Secretary,  
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Sixsmith:

Referring to the enclosed note addressed to you enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Henry Chapman relative to procuring subsidiary coins of all denominations dated 1922, and to which you immediately called the attention of the Director of the Mint, I beg to submit the following:

On October 11, 1922, a letter was received from Mr. Chapman addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury. This letter was forwarded to this Bureau for attention, and on October 17, 1922, the following reply was made to Mr. Chapman:

"Replying to your letter of October 11, you are advised that early in the year the mints coined five cent pieces and one cent pieces in the minor denominations, and are now engaged in the coinage of one dollar silver pieces and twenty dollar gold pieces. These are the only denominations of coins that have been executed by the mints during the current calendar year. There is such a large stock of un-circulated coins in the Treasury at present that there would be no justification on the part of the Department in executing subsidiary coinage during this calendar year.

Although the Treasurer is not paying out new coins to the banks for circulation, there will be no difficulty in coin collectors obtaining specimens of the pieces now being made. The Department could not undertake to coin a limited number of pieces for the purpose of supplying collectors."

Respectfully,  
(s) M.M. O'Reilly  
Acting Director of the Mint.



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On October 16 Mr. Chapman addressed a letter to the President. This letter was referred to this Bureau for attention, and the following reply was made him under date of October 23:

"Your letter of October 18 addressed to the President has been referred to this office for attention. This Bureau appreciates the interest you are taking in the matter of numismatics and your desire to have preserved a uniform collection of the coins of this country, but it is not in our power to take any action which will result in the coinage of a limited number of new coins for collection purposes. Regretting that we cannot make a more favorable reply, I am,

Respectfully,  
(s) M.M. O'Reilly  
Acting Director of the Mint."

On October 25 a letter was addressed by Mr. Chapman to the Director of the Mint. On October 28 Mr. Chapman was again replied to by the Director as follows:

"Upon my return to my desk my attention has been called to the correspondence with you in regard to the issue of coins of all denominations for the current calendar year. The demand for subsidiary coinage is not a general one, and the Department would not be justified in undertaking to issue a limited number of coins not required for the good of the general public.

Respectfully,  
(s) F.E. Scooby  
Director of the Mint."

On November 2 a letter addressed to the President by Mr. Chapman was referred to this Bureau and on November 10 the following reply was made to Mr. Chapman:

"Your letter of November 2, addressed to the President, has been forwarded to this Bureau.

The fact that your letter has been referred to this Bureau from the White House should not imply to you indifference on the part of the Executive in regard to the letter. It is customary to hold the respective departments responsible for



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a satisfactory contact with the public in matters concerning such Departments.

I have again considered carefully the suggestion that a limited number of subsidiary coins should be manufactured during the current calendar year in order to supply collectors, but I do not feel justified in causing the mints to manufacture coins for the purpose indicated."

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Although the Treasurer is now paying out new coins to the banks for circulation, there will be no difficulty in coin collectors obtaining specimens of the pieces now being made. The Department could not undertake to coin a limited number of pieces for the purpose of supplying numismatists.

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